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An account of the Intermittent and Remittent Fevers  
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by J. A. Siskard.

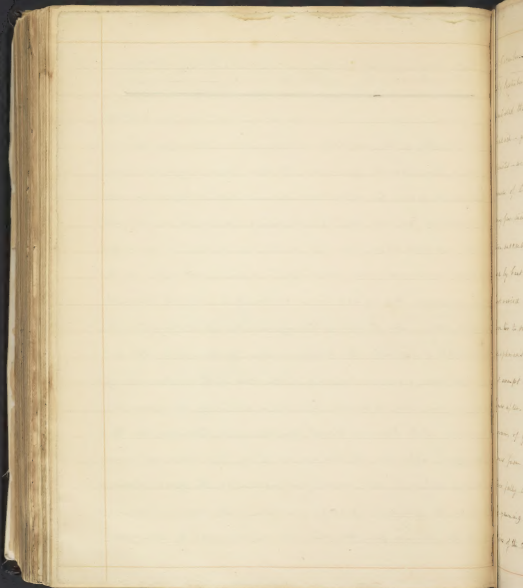
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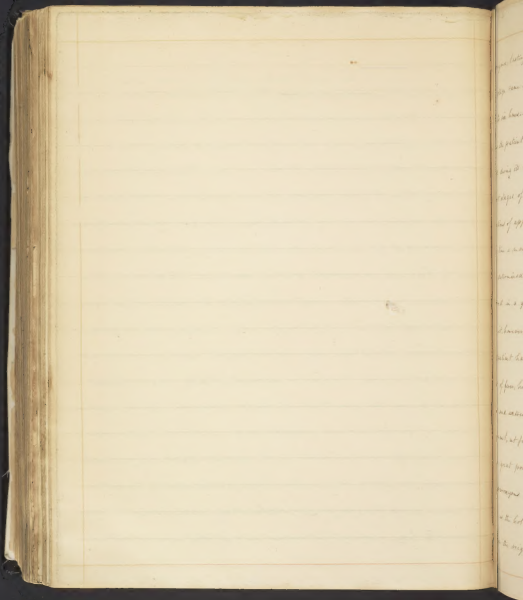
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In my account I shall commence with the month of May, of the year 1828. — In that month an Intermitting Fever of a mild form, made its appearance. — The cases became daily more numerous from time to time, but without any apparent increase of violence, until the middle of June, when they began to assume a more serious aspect, both in "hot and cold stages", from this period, we are aided, by some anatomical cases, much more severe and violent in degree, as well as, of a more lengthy continuance, than we had been accustomed to meet with them, in the preceding time. — From the time of this augmentation of its strength, until the middle of September, the disease remained pretty much "in statu quo", — which time a sudden transition in the state of the weather occurring, ranging from a hot temperature, to a cold and frosty atmosphere, the character of the Fever was altered from that of an Intermitting to a Remittent type. — After this the Fever was one of very high action, and went on rapidly enlarging the number of our patients for the space of six or seven weeks, from then, there was a gradual diminution in the amount of cases, although the clearance from them was not complete, until the latter part

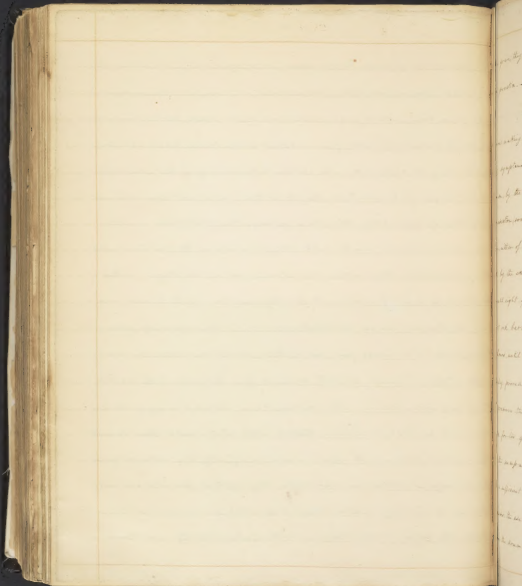


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Signs and of the Typhoid, as it presented, relative to the  
1st of September, 1838. \_\_\_\_\_ Before which and four commenced an-  
arrived themselves at all, the patient complained of a want of appetite -  
head-ache - giddiness - pain in the back and loins, and frequently loss in the ex-  
tremities - weakness and thirst - the skin was dry. - These symptoms, in the  
course of three or four days, were followed by eruptions of vesicles, which  
very few minutes ran over the patient's body - then were removed shortly in  
turn, succeeded by an increase of all the preceding symptoms, accompa-  
nied by heat and considerable exterior excitement. - The duration of these  
last varied considerably in different patients, but continued generally  
for two to six hours, when it alone sought relief by bringing about a gentle  
diaphoresis. - this stage improved the patient's situation, yet still did  
not exempt him from the pain in the back - loins &c. - At forty-eight  
hours after, another paroxysm of similar diagnosis, with the addition  
however of greater violence presented itself - but in other forty-eight  
hours from the commencement of the second attack, it was, that the  
disease fully developed itself. - This third paroxysm was ushered in  
by yawning and stretching - difficult breathing - constriction of the super-  
ficies of the body, surrounded by tumours and quickly repeated and vice



but rigour, lasting from six to three hours, at the expiration of which time, the  
 hot stage came on, and which if not interfered with, commonly endured from  
 four to six hours, and so great was the degree of its violence, that in many insts  
 the patient was unable, after the remotest circumstances which had trans-  
 pired during its continuance. — In addition to the usual symptoms attendant on  
 the hot stages of Common Intermittent Fevers, there were, in most cases, strong in-  
 dications of approaching Rheumatism, or of Congestion of the brain. — After  
 some time a perspiration would make its appearance on the forehead, which  
 we determined slowly into a general and copious sweating. — This  
 relieved in a great measure, the healthy functions of the system, leav-  
 ing it, however, much debilitated. — — — About generally after  
 the patient had undergone one of these violent and dangerous at-  
 tacks of fever, he found himself relieved from the pain in the back-  
 bone and extremities. — This circumstance induced many of the men  
 present, at first, to suppose that the cold chill caused them to shake  
 off a great portion of the fever, — and consequently, they allowed several  
 paroxysms to "wane and go" before they applied for medical aid.  
 But as the hot stage, which followed the cold, hurried several of them  
 into the verge of apoplexy, and others almost to the verge

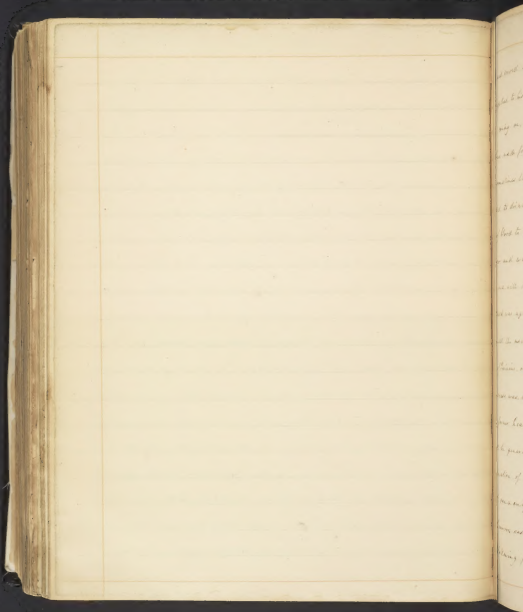




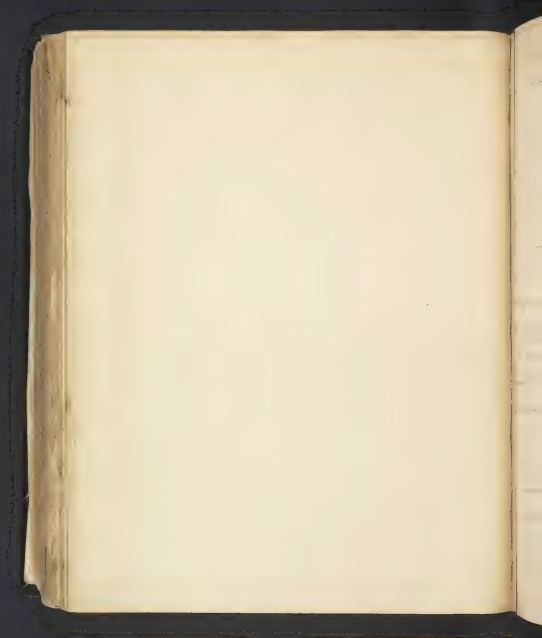
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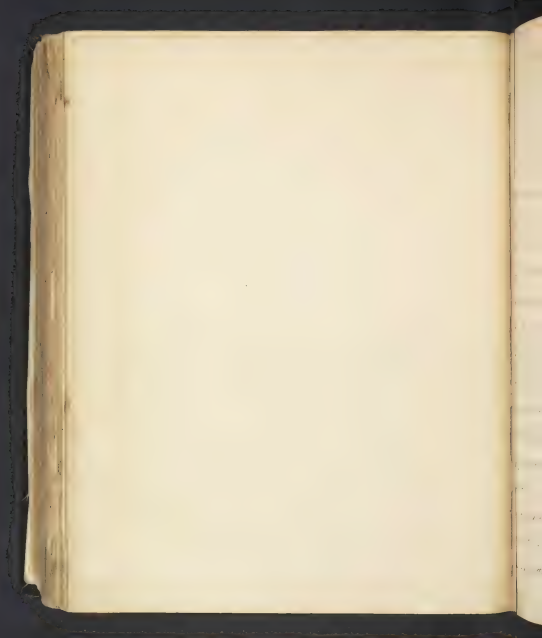
I present making application for our assistance, labouring under the pressing symptom, the farther progress of the disease was pursued, in reason, by the remedies we employed, consisting for the most part of bloodletting (sometimes to a considerable extent) and the use of an emetic, either of Jalap and Calomel, or of Gonboge and Calomel, followed by the exhibition of one grain of the sulphate of Quinine every six or eight grains were taken, or indeed of the Quinine, by a dose of about six bars, combined with Cam of Tartar and Strow, given every four hours, until six doses were administered. — The course of treatment usually proved sufficient to arrest and put a stop to the insipient attack, and preserve the patient's health. — But if the mercurial action had already taken further ground, a length of time, within the system, previous to a complete recovery, having been made, a purgative would appear for a sufficient quantity of Bark or Quinine would be taken. — In such cases, the use of the remedies was laid aside, till the time of an intermission, or the commencement of the cold stage, the patient ordered to bed, and



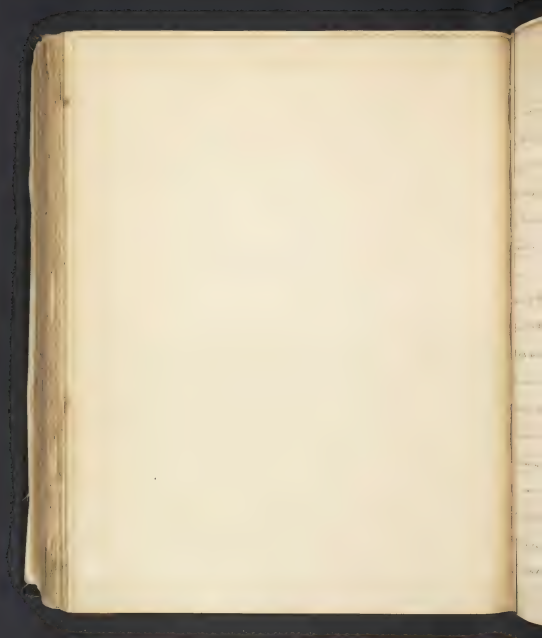




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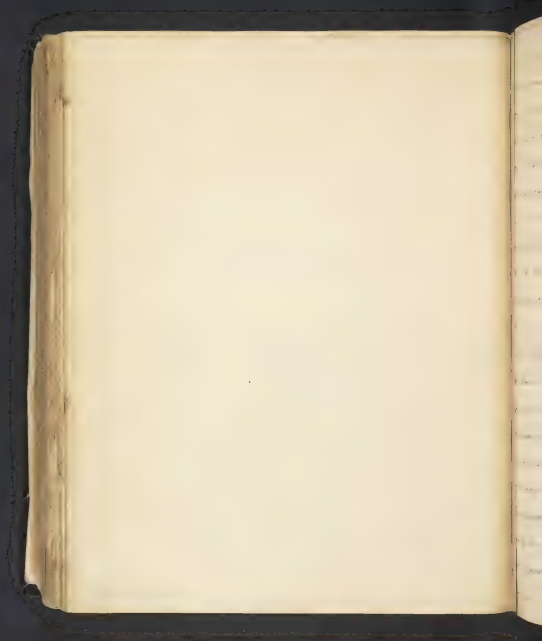




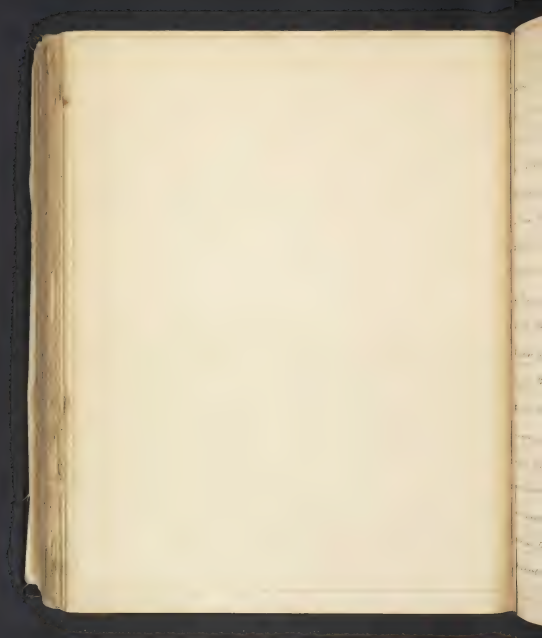




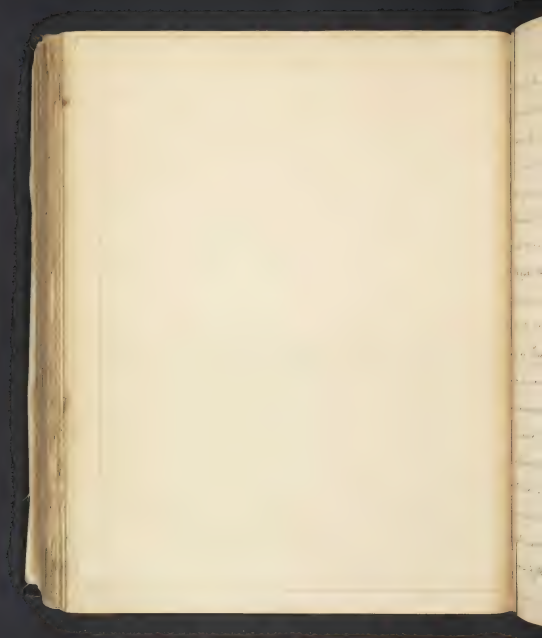




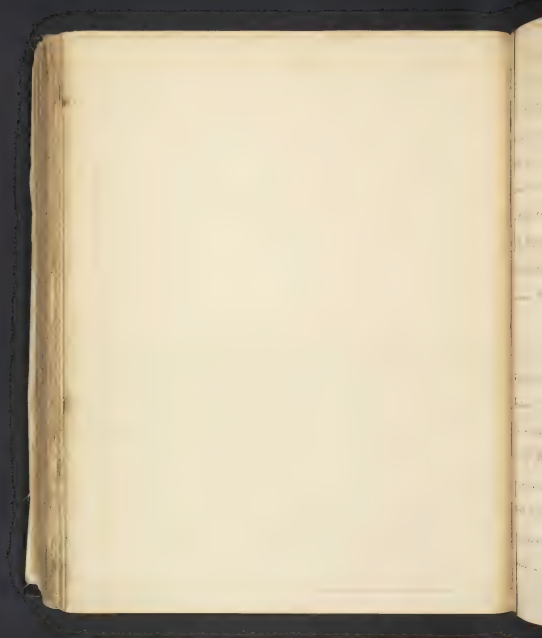
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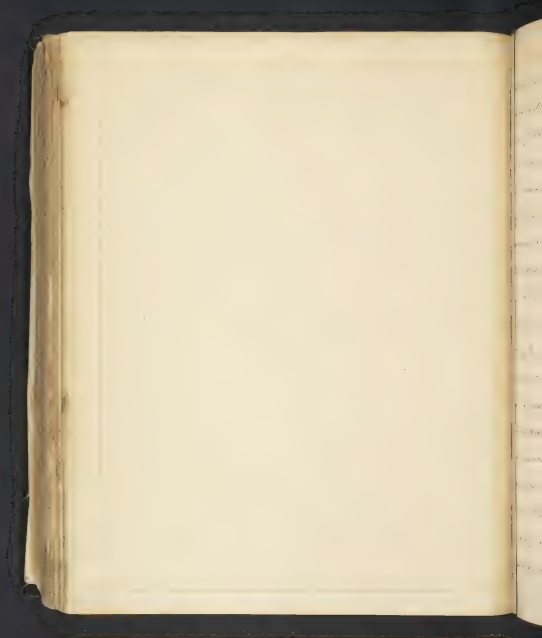


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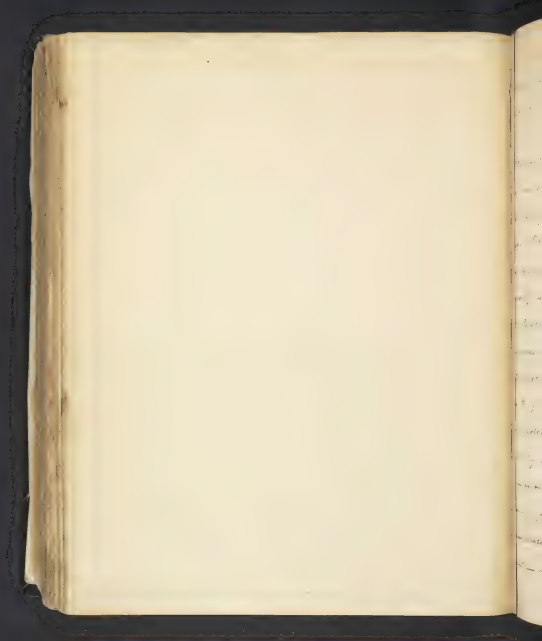
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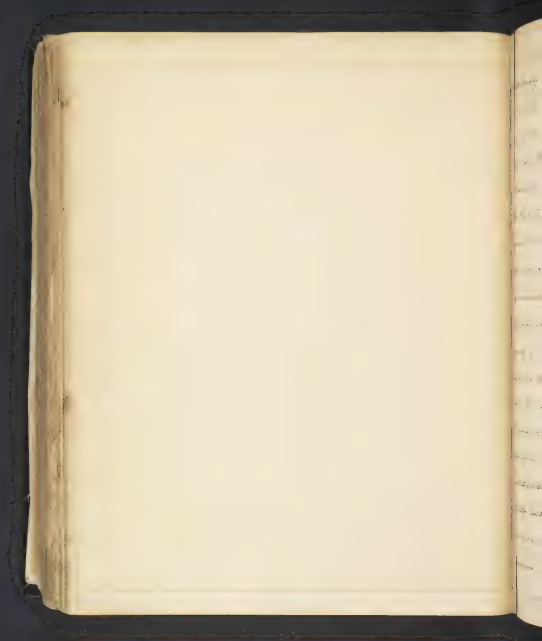




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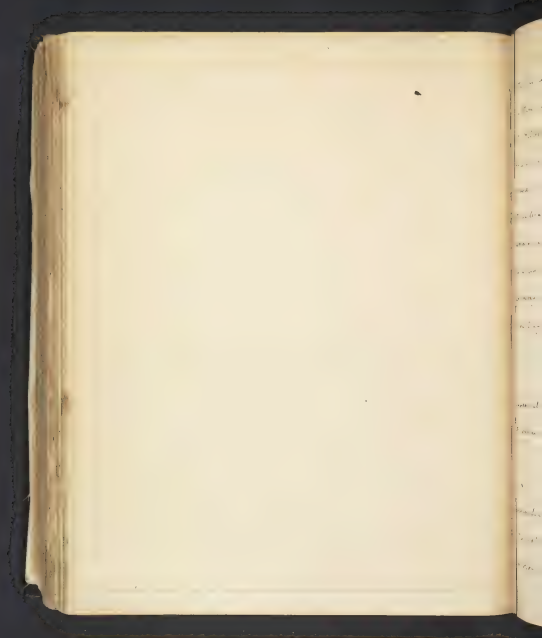
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 an account of the article published in the Times on  
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 say. From various letters a large number of persons  
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 nearly every age and in many parts of the country. The  
 first few have each presented a much larger quantity  
 of cash than of any other. The same number of people  
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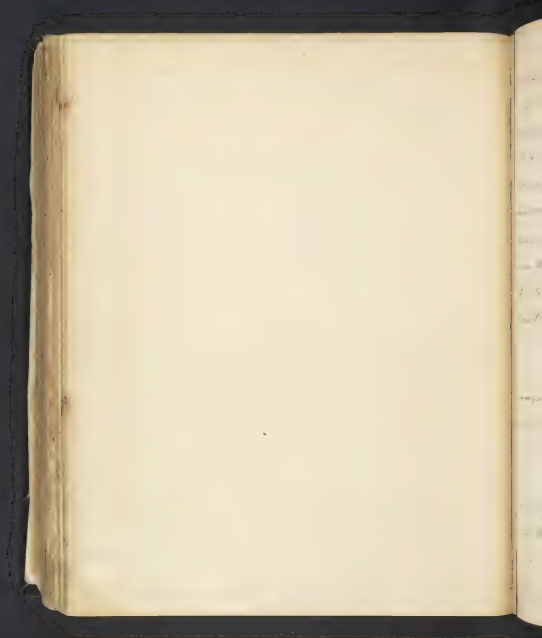
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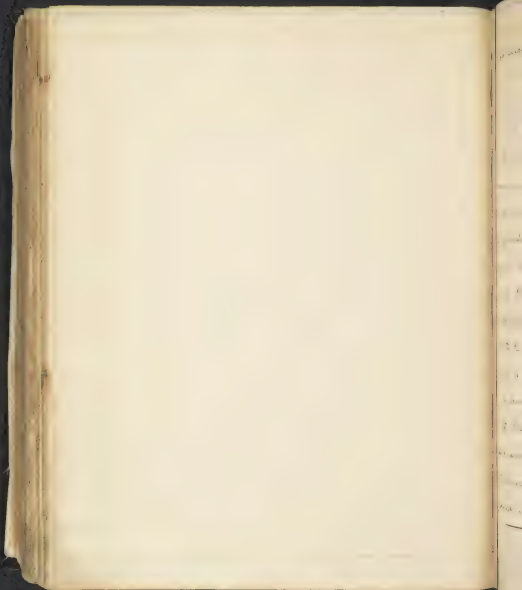


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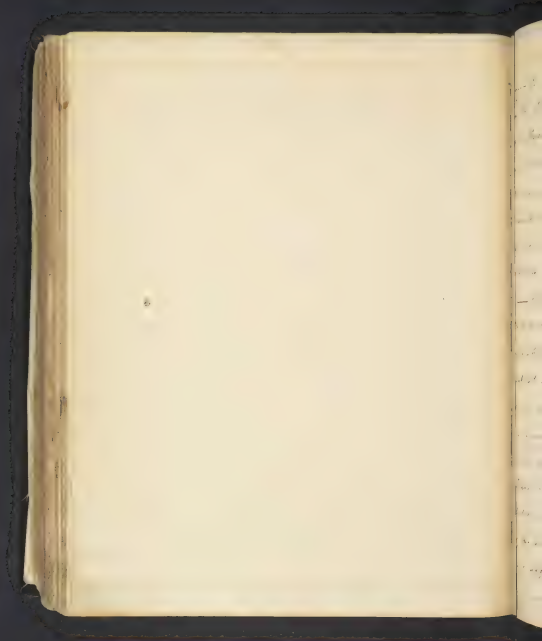
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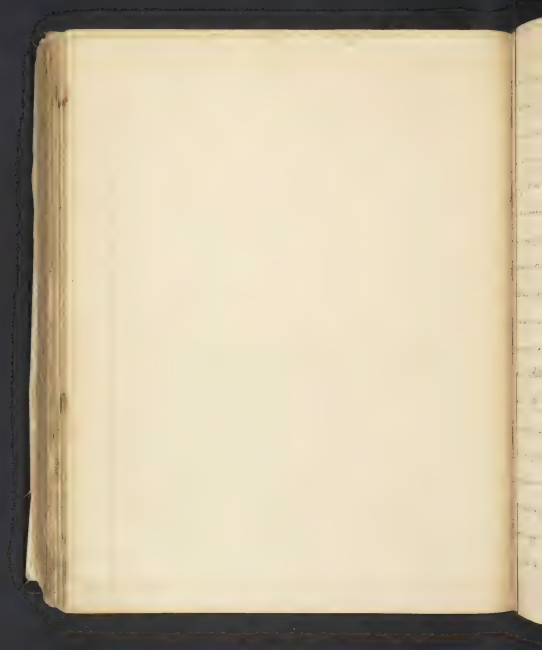
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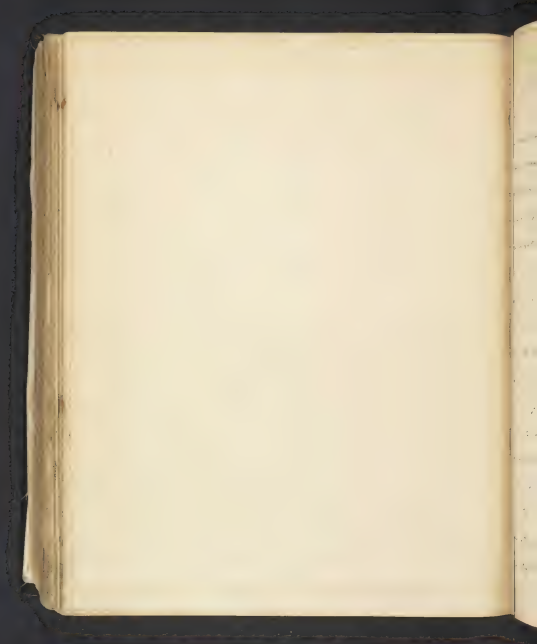


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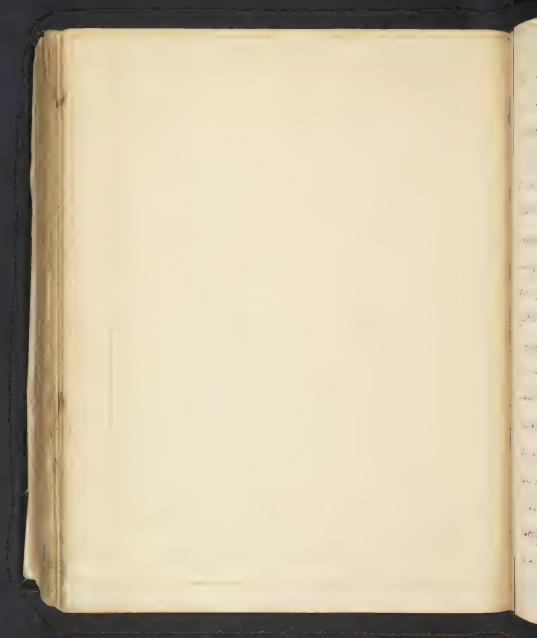




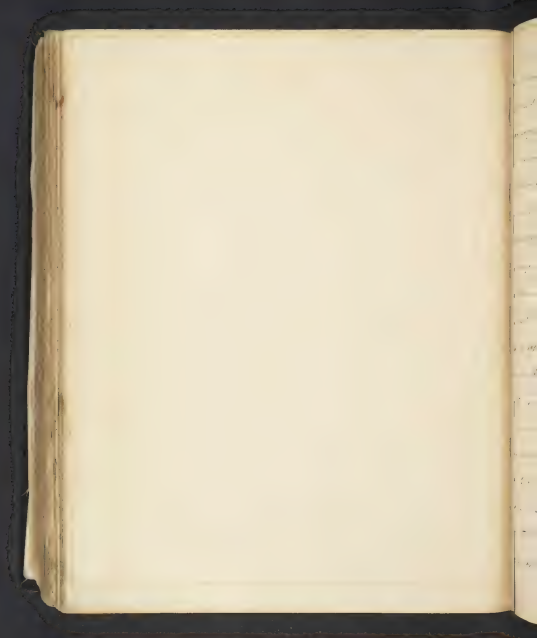




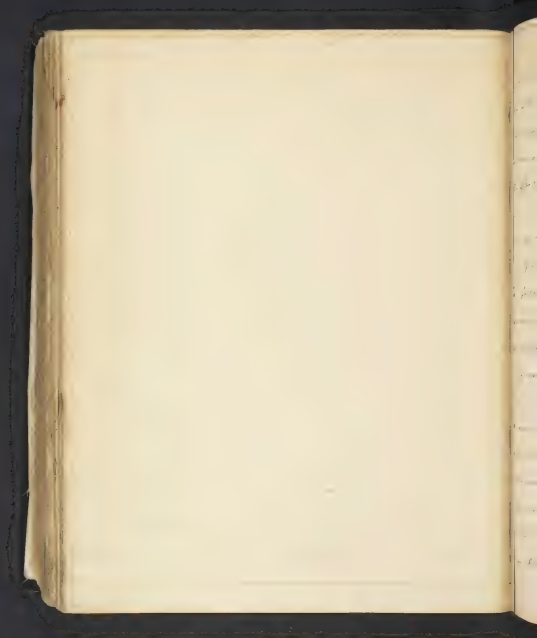






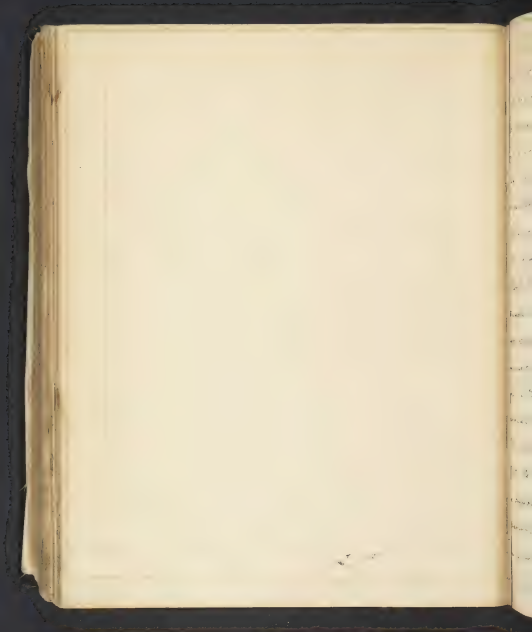


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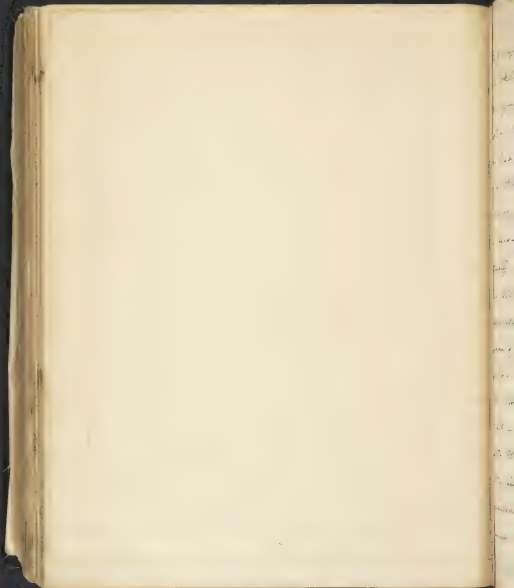




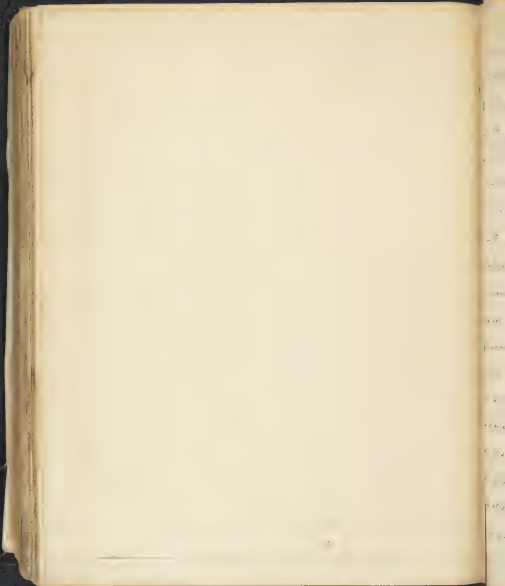
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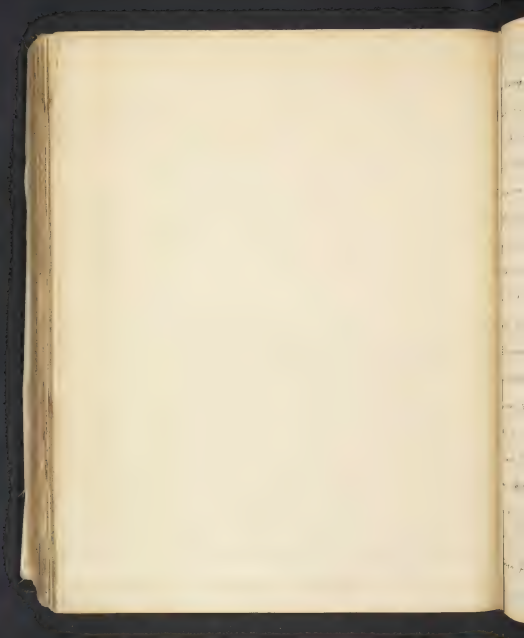
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 the best of his operation. This removed all the restless-  
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 respiration was kept up and when he awoke, an inces-  
 sation of sleep was most commonly present. - Throughout  
 the course of the Remission the mind was sometimes  
 to the most degree, if indeed they took any nourishment  
 at all. - No article of food was so well retained as  
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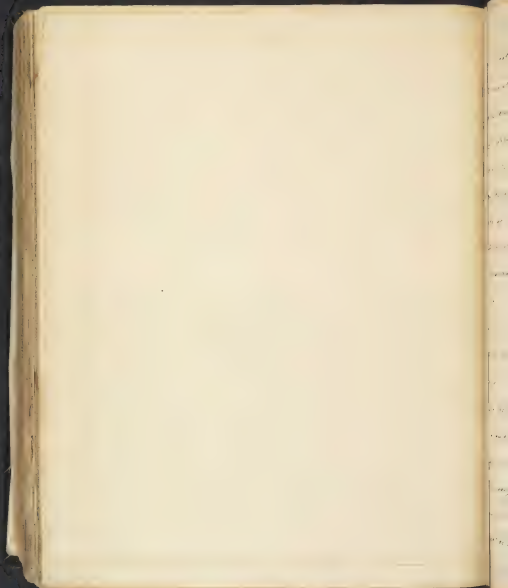




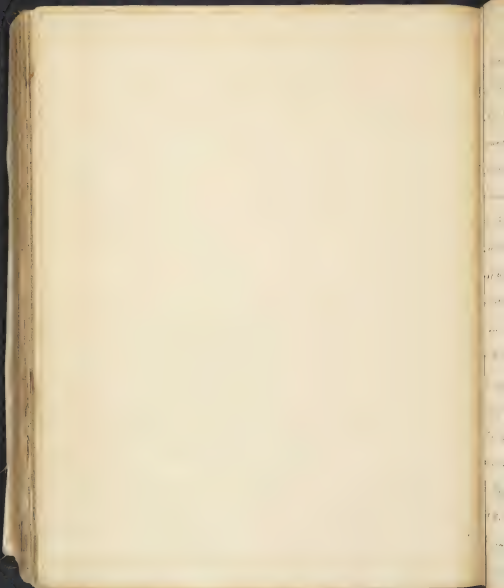




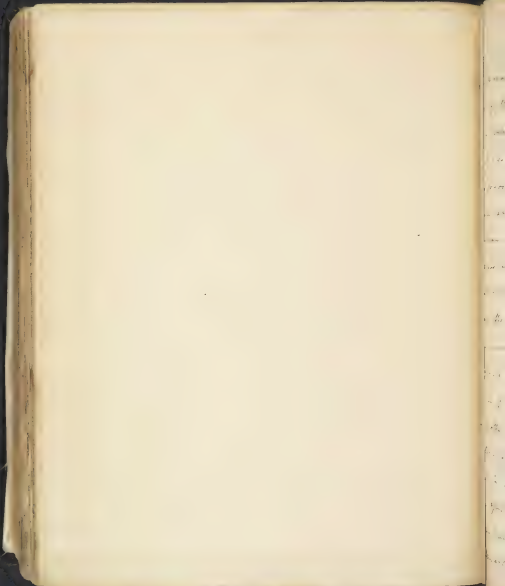
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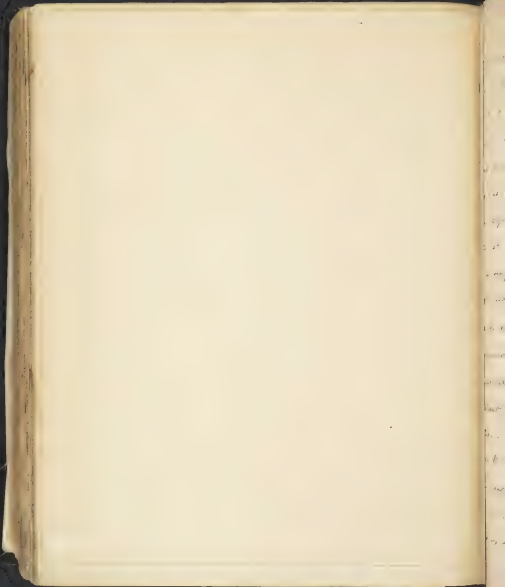
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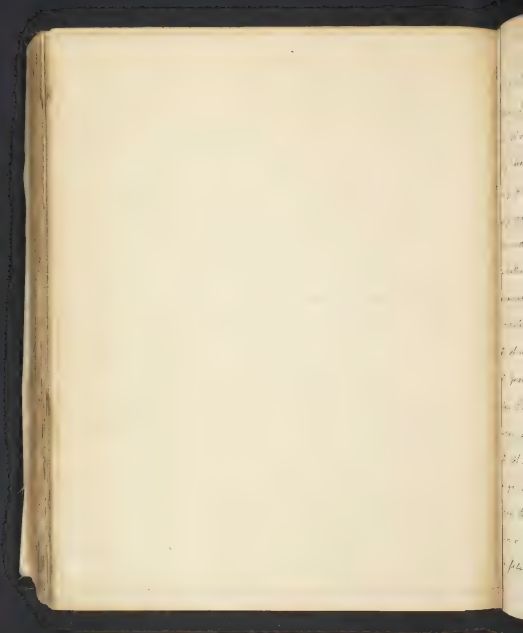


characterized more by greater violence than that of the morbid case - this was more violent than the morbid case - but it was not so violent as a general case of the kind. - It then presented itself in the third stage the patient was somewhat more induced to move for 24 hours he retained his case at the same time expressing his fear of having a repetition, and he called to his family. By this painful affection was entirely cured, the patient was in a perfect state of health in every respect as though he was entirely cured of his morbid affection. He was directed to lie in a horizontal position. He was also directed and encouraged to walk with a solution of the morbid affection. He was then directed to move and distracted and in the afternoon when the pain again appeared, a Opium was administered. - This treatment however had no effect as the paroxysms, for they continued more at the same regular intervals, and with

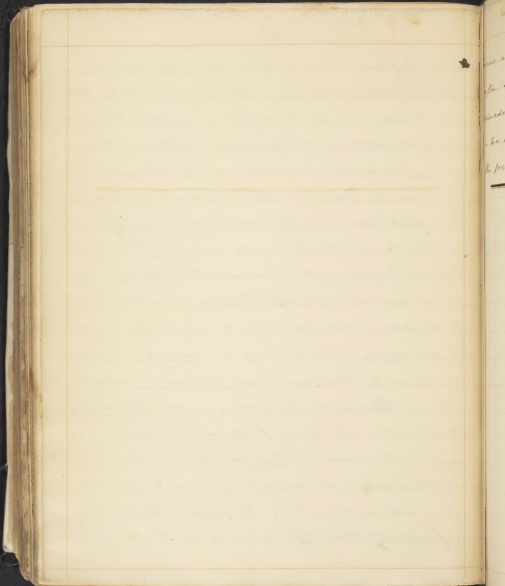








that he was unable to ride home upon his horse. — When Dr. Gent was called in, the patient insisted that his shoulder was "out of joint," as he could not bear the slightest motion in it. — His general health was otherwise very good; and had been so since the last year, at, or very near the same time, when he had suffered from the Intermittent Fever. — The Dr. bled him copiously, ordered a Cathartic, and after its operation, a dose of the Dover's Powders, every two hours. — in the mean while, the Colicite liniment, with the oil of Sassafras, was rubbed into the shoulder. — Notwithstanding the use of these means, the paroxysms continued coming on, regularly, every twenty four hours, for three days, without abatement in violence. — when an Epispastic was applied on the back part of the shoulder, this drew finely, yet produced no change in the disease. — These paroxysms constantly (as did those in the first case) endured from ten to twelve hours, each. — At length, on the supposition of its being a febrile affection, eight grains of the Sulphate of Quina



nine were given during an intermission, and in four hours  
after a similar dose was repeated. — This removed the  
disorder, as if by a charm: the pain left him entirely, and  
in two days after the Quinine had been taken, he had  
the perfect use of his arm. —

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